

March 04, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



In Tougouri Commune of Burkina Faso, Safiata Abore sits near onions that were harvested from her farm. Safiata, 58 years old, is the mother of 9 children and 16 grandchildren. As a widow, she is the primary caretaker for many of them who continue to live in the household. Farming and selling a portion of her harvest is the primary way Safiata can earn the income necessary to buy food for her family and pay their school fees. Safiata has three plots of land, one of which she received from Catholic Relief Services' Helping Hands project

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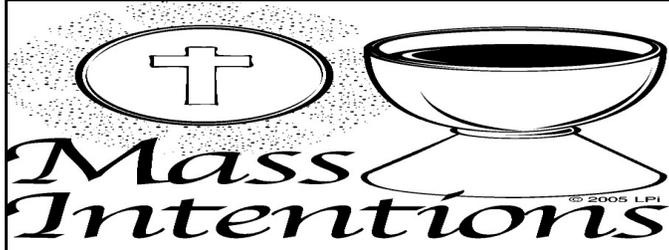
Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am at the Parish Center
Chapel

Saturday Evening
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:
2nd & 4th Saturday of every
month at 3:00 pm at the
Church



Saturday, March 3, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Betty Maume by J. Moffitt

Sunday, March 4, Third Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Patricia Ellis by Norma K. Lombard
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, March 5
 8:00 a.m. Antonio De Lusa by Daughter, Fina and Family

Tuesday, March 6
 8:00 a.m. Vera Fletcher by Cathy Feheley

Wednesday, March 7
(Liturgy will be held in Church)
 7:00 p.m. Ed Lyons by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Thursday, March 8
 8:00 a.m. Robert Buhay by Jim & Kathleen Brady

Friday, March 9
NO MASS

Saturday, March 10, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Daniel Berry by Marge Mangan

Sunday, March 11, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Therese Kennedy by St. Francis' Bible Babes

Catherine's Cupboard

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center.

Weekend's Offering (02-18-18)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,765.00
Loose Collection.....	\$305.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$553.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,623.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation meet at 9:30 AM this week. K-9 meet in church for Opening Prayer.

Looking Ahead:

LEAP Event— March 18th— in the church at 9:30 AM. The Spoon Man will be here to present a memorable mission about Lent "There's More to Lent than Giving Up Candy". This event is for all Families, especially the families participating in Faith Formation, as well as any of our parishioners. Don't miss this fun and faith-filled event!

Winter Carnival Success!

Our winter carnival held last weekend was a success! The kids had a great time playing games and doing activities. We raised \$271 dollars for the Homeless Coalition! Overall, it was a wonderful event and the donations to the Homeless Coalition will go to buying bus passes for those homeless in our community to get around to where they need to go.



Parish Book Club

Book Club is this Tuesday, March 6th at 2:00PM and at 7:00PM. Please read Chapter 3 for this session.

Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser

Fridays from 4:30-6:30 PM there is a fish fry at St. Patrick's to benefit Showers of Hope.

Prayers . . .

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our homebound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



Gun Violence:

From the lived faith of our community

“I saw it in my emergency room when gang members would drive by and dump one of their comrades who had been shot, when people would come after them to finish the job, when people would come in dead that we could do nothing for. There were even people shot on our hospital grounds. When you work in an inner-city hospital, sadly, gun violence is all too routine...

“As we suggest these measures (universal background checks, bans on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and stricter legislation against gun trafficking), we do so with great respect for our Constitution and the rights of hunters, but we join that to a respect for the lives of the people of our country... I believe there is a balance between gun ownership and the broad availability of weapons that can only lead to tremendous violence.”

- Sr. Carol Keehan, president and CEO, of the Catholic Health Association

A Special Birthday

Mildred Brush, a longtime parishioner, will be celebrating her **100th Birthday** on Tuesday, March 13th. Over the last few years she has been a resident at **Willow Point Nursing Home**. If you wish to remember her special day with a card you may drop it off at the parish center or drop it into the collection. However, if you wish to send your birthday wishes personally, her address is:

3700 Vestal Road, Vestal NY 13850

Let us make it a special day for Mildred!

February Fundraiser, THANK YOU!

This year's fundraiser for the food pantry has been a tremendous success! We raised **\$7,945** as of February 28th. This is wonderful as the need is growing, with governments cuts in the various needs of those who need help the most. Your continued generosity is what makes this such a great parish. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**

Stations Of The Cross

Stations of the cross will be held every Friday during Lent (except for Good Friday) at 3:00PM in the church. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For any questions call Delores at the parish center (722-4388).

First Sunday of Lent: Encounter Safiata

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

Lent 2018

Lent & Family Life

This week at our Wednesday, 7 PM Liturgy we will focus on **Family Life and the Pain of Separation and Divorce**. Our guests will be **Andy and Kathleen O'Connor**. Andy O'Connor, former International Board President and Kathleen O'Connor, small group facilitator, have been very active with “Beginning Experience”, a widowed and Divorce Support Group run through the Catholic Church. They have been married for 15 years; both have been previously married. Currently they are a mentor couple for Pre-Cana and certified group leaders for “Better Marriages”. They have assisted in various marriage enrichment groups in our area and are members of St. James Parish in Johnson City.

Prayer for Peace and Comfort After

Gun Violence

God, comforter of the broken and disheartened, we come to you plagued with an agonized grief after yet one more outbreak of senseless gun violence. We come to you, people of all ages, ethnicities, and walks of life. We represent one voice, the voice of bitter weeping, echoing throughout our cities and resounding in communities throughout the world. As violence abounds, we sit in the darkness, sitting alongside the suffering on the mourner's bench. We are Rachel, mourning with wordless sobs, the lives of those sacrificed on the altar of violence. We are Rachel, weeping for the wounded, for those whose minds and bodies are etched with painful memories of men's unjustifiable rage. We are Rachel, lamenting with the families who have lost loved ones whose cries of despair join with those from tragedies of gun violence. We are Rachel, perplexed with troubled souls, and searching for answers, seeking to understand what would cause humans to inflict pain on their fellow sisters and brothers. We are Rachel, exasperated, grasping—crying out: How long will this wave of violence consume your people? How long, O God, must we succumb to this perverse violence that crushes the breath and life of countless innocent people? How long, O God, will it take for us to beat our swords into plowshares, And spears into pruning hooks? Compassionate God, we turn to you in our grief. Provide comfort to the broken-hearted, all those who are frightened, despairing, and who are hoping for peace. Help us to become deeply aware of the shared humanity that comes when a sister or brother falls victim to violence. Guide us on a path of understanding and peaceful dialogue. Show us rightful ways to rid our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our cities, and our world of weapons that destroy lives. Grant us the courage to stand together, to join with Rachel in her strident protest of lament calling for an end to gun violence. Empower us to be people of light and hope amid a world painted with darkness and violence. Amen.

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of March 4th — Nancy Oliver

Week of March 11th — Pat & George Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

March 5th — E. & K. Corcoran

March 12th — J. & K. Brady

Distribution

March 6th — A. & S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt, M. Quinn,
R. & P. Scales

Funeral Homes Position Change

Tonya A. Williams has made a position change at the Wm R Chase & Son and James V. DeMarco & Son Funeral Homes. She is currently in a new role as Preplanning Advisor. This position allows her to be available exclusively to meet with families to set up their prearrangements. She can do revocable or irrevocable contracts to assist with this process.

Please call [607-760-4126](tel:607-760-4126) to set up a time to meet.

Mom's House Collection

There will be volunteers from Mom's House collecting at all Masses the weekend of **March 10th and 11th**. They will be having their Paloozathon (Rockerthon) on **March 17th**. Moms House is a non profit organization that supplies free child care to single parents. We appreciate the continued generosity of the St Francis parish community.

Chrim Mass

The Southern Region is sponsoring a charter bus to the Chrim Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse on Tuesday, March 27th. The Chrim Mass begins at 7:00 PM. The bus will leave St. Patrick's Church at the corner of Leroy and Oak Streets in Binghamton at 5:00 PM sharp allows sufficient time to arrive early for Priest to vest, ect. To make a reservation please contact Deacon Steve Blabac at:

607-648-2155

steveblabac@yahoo.com

Alpha Youth

March 3, 10, 24 April 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26
Food, Talk & Discussion. It's a chance to ask anything that you want and say what you think about faith, life & Jesus.

To Register: Call: 607-222-7879 or Email gmatt@syrdio.org

Healing Mass

Fr. Amedeo Guida will celebrate a Healing Mass on **Thursday, March 8th at St. Mary's of the Assumption** (Corner of Court and Fayette St., Binghamton NY) at **7:00PM**. All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 11403

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Hoooley in Hillcrest

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

7 PM - 11 PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH GYM

1051 CHENANGO ST. HILLCREST

FEATURING MUSIC BY

*** Old Friends ***

AND SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY

*** Donal O'Shaughnessy ***

*** Irish Dancers ***

Requested Donation • \$15/Person (in Advance) • \$18/Person (at the Door)

Includes beverages and light food

(Regulations prohibit alcoholic beverages to be carried in, must be at least 21!)

*Tickets available in advance from any K of C member
or call the Rectory at 722-4388.*

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**. These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade

Insulated Socks

Thermal Underwear (L/XL)

Warm Gloves/Hats

Hand/Foot Warmers

Ponchos

Toothbrushes

Wipes

Fast Food Gift Cards

Clif Bars

Cracker Sandwiches

Raisins (or other dried fruit)

Ziploc Bags

Drawstring Bags

Bicycle Cable Locks

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes
There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is be at the church and another at the Parish Center.

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

March 10th & 11th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector Joe Sardella
EM Host Sue Lee
EM Host Peggy Munson
EM Host Paulette Scales
EM Cup Ron Scales
EM Cup Katie Ginalski
EM Cup Judy Murphy
EM Cup Jan Pandich
Altar Server Brendan Kliment
Altar Server Logan Kliment
Altar Server Mikey Schultz

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Debbie Davis
EM Host Lou Angelo
EM Host Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host Ede Blabac
EM Cup Marie Iobst
EM Cup Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup Joanne Horoschak
Altar Server Sarah Bush
Altar Server Mary Bush
Altar Server James Bush

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector Mary Jo Albee
EM Host Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Host Pat Clark
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup David Bollinger
EM Cup Maria Lord
EM Cup Sue Jones
Altar Server Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server Katelyn Church
Altar Server Brendan Heaney

Question of the Week

Question for Children: Share one way in which you “honor your father and mother.”

Question for Youth: Jesus was angry – as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?

Question for Adults: As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?

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